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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Inventor(s): Vahid SAADAT et al.  
Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FORMING AND  
SECURING GASTROINTESTINAL TISSUE FOLDS  
Examiner: P. Kotini  
Group Art Unit: 3731

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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed February 27, 2007 in the above-identified United States Patent Application, for which a response is due on May 27, 2007. Since May 27, 2007 fell on a Sunday and Monday was a federal holiday, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.